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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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| | John Pak | 1616 | |

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1. This communication is responsive to *Applicant's response of 4/16/2008*.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 30-39 [renumbered as 1-10].

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

/John Pak/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1616

This Office action is in response to applicant's response of 4/16/2008 and telephone conversations between applicant's attorney, Lin Hymel, and the undersigned Examiner conducted on 7/25/2008, 7/30/2008, 7/31/2008 and 8/1/2008, wherein the following Examiner's Amendment was negotiated and authorized.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Hymel on 8/1/2008.

Amendments to the Claims

CANCEL all currently pending claims, which are claims 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17-29.

ADD the following new claims 30-39.

30. (New) An antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material comprising:

a microporous polytetrafluoroethylene layer laminated to a continuous film of hydrophilic cross-linked polyvinylalcohol for providing a physical barrier to chemical vapors while permitting moisture to pass through said layer;

a chemical deactivation component free of activated carbon deposited on said polytetrafluoroethylene that is laminated to said cross-linked polyvinylalcohol, said

chemical deactivation component being dispersed within a carrier material, said chemical deactivation component comprising an effective chemical deactivating amount of one or more chemically deactivating copper compounds, silver compounds, or elemental silver; and

 a biocidal component free of activated carbon deposited on said polytetrafluoroethylene that is laminated to said cross-linked polyvinylalcohol, said biocidal component being dispersed within said carrier material, and said biocidal component comprising an effective biocidal amount of one or more biocidal copper compounds, silver compounds, or elemental silver;

 wherein said chemical deactivation component contains a chemically deactivating silver compound or elemental silver, or said biocidal component contains a biocidal silver compound or elemental silver.

31. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 30, wherein said chemical deactivation component comprises a substance selected from the group consisting of nanosized cuprous or cupric oxide; a copper or silver complex of an imidazole, or an aminocarboxylic acid; micron or nanosized elemental silver or silver oxide; and a nanosized silver-copper alloy.

32. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 30, wherein said biocidal component comprises a substance selected

from the group consisting of silver phosphate, silver citrate, silver benzoate, silver salicylate, nanosized elemental silver, copper phosphate, copper acetate, copper salicylate, copper citrate, copper benzoate, nanosized silver-copper alloy, and nanosized cuprous or cupric oxide.

33. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 30, wherein said chemical deactivation component further comprises a substance selected from the group consisting of nanosized zinc oxide, nanosized molybdenum oxide, nanosized vanadium oxide, nanosized iron oxide, nanosized manganese oxide, titanium dioxide, carbon nanotubes, a tertiary amine, polyelectrolyte, polyvinylsulfonate, polyallylamine, elemental platinum, and platinum oxide.

34. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 30, wherein said biocidal component further comprises a substance selected from the group consisting of zinc phosphate, zinc acetate, zinc salicylate, zinc citrate, zinc benzoate, zinc-1-hydroxypyridine-2-thione, nanosized zinc oxide, and bismuth subsalicylate.

35. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 30, wherein the polytetrafluoroethylene layer contains carbon nanotubes.

36. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 30, wherein the cross-linked polyvinylalcohol film contains carbon nanotubes.
37. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 30, wherein the cross-linked polyvinylalcohol film contains glycerin or a plasticizer.
38. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 37, wherein the plasticizer is trimethylol propane trimethacrylate.
39. (New) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 30, further comprising a second microporous polytetrafluoroethylene layer laminated to said continuous film of hydrophilic cross-linked polyvinylalcohol.

Amendments to the Specification

Insert the following paragraph as the first paragraph below the Title of the invention **at page 1**, after line 1 - - - - -

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application 60/213,062, filed on June 21, 2000.

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Insert the following five paragraphs to the Specification **at page 4**, following the section title "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT" - - - - -

In one aspect, the invention provides an antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material having a microporous polytetrafluoroethylene layer laminated to a continuous film of hydrophilic cross-linked polyvinylalcohol, a chemical deactivation component, and a biocidal component. The microporous polytetrafluoroethylene layer laminated to a continuous film of hydrophilic cross-linked polyvinylalcohol provides a physical barrier to chemical vapors, while permitting moisture to pass through the layer. The chemical deactivation component is free of activated carbon and is deposited on the polytetrafluoroethylene layer that is laminated to the cross-linked polyvinylalcohol film. The chemical deactivation component is dispersed within a carrier material. The chemical deactivation component includes an effective chemical deactivating amount of one or more chemically deactivating copper compounds, silver compounds, or elemental silver. The biocidal component is free of activated carbon and is deposited on the polytetrafluoroethylene layer that is laminated

to the cross-linked polyvinylalcohol film. The biocidal component is dispersed within the carrier material. The biocidal component includes an effective biocidal amount of one or more biocidal copper compounds, silver compounds, or elemental silver. In the material, either the chemical deactivation component contains a chemically deactivating silver compound or elemental silver, or the biocidal component contains a biocidal silver compound or elemental silver.

In certain embodiments of the antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material, the chemical deactivation component includes a substance selected from the group consisting of nanosized cuprous or cupric oxide; a copper or silver complex of an imidazole, or an aminocarboxylic acid; micron or nanosized elemental silver or silver oxide; and a nanosized silver-copper alloy.

In certain embodiments of the antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material, the biocidal component includes a substance selected from the group consisting of silver phosphate, silver citrate, silver benzoate, silver salicylate, nanosized elemental silver, copper phosphate, copper acetate, copper salicylate, copper citrate, copper benzoate, nanosized silver-copper alloy, and nanosized cuprous or cupric oxide.

In still other embodiments of the antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material, the chemical deactivating component further includes, in addition to a copper compound, silver compound, or elemental silver, a substance selected from the group consisting of nanosized zinc oxide, nanosized molybdenum

oxide, nanosized vanadium oxide, nanosized iron oxide, nanosized manganese oxide, titanium dioxide, carbon nanotubes, a tertiary amine, polyelectrolyte, polyvinylsulfonate, polyallylamine, elemental platinum, and platinum oxide.

In yet other embodiments of the antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material, the biocidal component further includes, in addition to a copper compound, silver compound, or elemental silver, a substance selected from the group consisting of zinc phosphate, zinc acetate, zinc salicylate, zinc citrate, zinc benzoate, zinc-1-hydroxypyridine-2-thione, nanosized zinc oxide, and bismuth subsalicylate.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to JOHN PAK whose telephone number is **(571)272-0620**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's SPE, Johann Richter, can be reached on **(571)272-0646**.

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